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June 11, 1945

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To: Saint, London

From: DECOI

Subject: Questionnaire from the Bundespolizei

1. We refer to our cable of today's date, summarizing a questionnaire prepared for us by the Swiss on the subject of the OBERRHEINISCHES ARBEITSBUREAU. The Swiss could not, of course, suggest which German prisoners to interrogate on this subject. If none of those mentioned in the document, translation of which is enclosed, are in our hands, any official of the SS Hauptamt of Berlin should be able to answer.

2. The Swiss are particularly interested in communications between the OBERRHEINISCHES ARBEITSBUREAU and Switzerland and, naturally, the names of members of the organization in this country. The group still appears to be alive and active; many of the local members are known but the police lack the evidence to make the arrests. The two photostats we also enclose may be of help in the interrogations.

3. The questionnaire comes from the Bundespolizei. It is not only an interesting document but, to us here in Switzerland, an important one. We hope Speerhead will agree and pursue the interrogation with the usual thoroughness.

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OBERDEUTSCHES ARBEITSBUREAU

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This organization was formed in the summer of 1944. It was under the SS-Hauptamt in Berlin and directed its activities toward Switzerland. The Oberdeutsche Arbeitsbureau concerned itself with intelligence directed at Switzerland and at the same time recruited personnel who in the event of "A New Order in Europe in the German Sense" would be able to take over the administration of Switzerland. The Arbeitsstelle and Verbindungsstelle for Switzerland were in Radolfzell. The former pastor, Werner WIRTH, a Swiss, who had been in prison in St. Gall, headed the office in Radolfzell. He always had one to two workers. The following names of his workers are known to us:

HEINEMANN, Johannes: Son of Hans and Anna, née SCHORN, married to Mina, née WINTER, b. 17.9.1901, citizen of Basel; representative has been in Germany since 28.9.1944; was last in Radolfzell; and

SUTER, Werner: Son of Kandit and Hermine, née WEHRLI, married to Magdalena, née MUCKENSTURN, b. 10.12.1915; citizen of Lucerne; merchant; was last in Constance and Radolfzell, then reported to have gone to the area of Sickingen.

The leading workers in the "Oberdeutsches Arbeitsbureau" were:

HUGEL, Klaus Gerhard: German; b. 30.1.1913; Doctor of Law; head of the Leitabschnittes Stuttgart of the SD; SS-Sturmabführer; was last in a hospital in Italy in the Como area; his wife is reported to be in a pension in Feldkirch. His successor in Stuttgart:

HEBE, Dr. German; SS-Standartenführer; head of the Amtgruppe D, SD; presumed to have been last in Stuttgart;

HEPMANN: German; SS-Standartenführer;

DIEDRICHSEN: German; SS-Sturmabführer; Berlin and Stuttgart.

In addition there are the following Swiss:

BENZ, Paul Emil: Son of Paul and Anna, née MERK, single; b. 10.10.1920; citizen of Zürich; bank employee; SS-Untersturmführer; last in Berlin;

BLOOR, Peter Johann: Son of Arthur and Fanny Lina, née LARGIADER, married to Charlotte, née GROTH, b. 13.10.1906; citizen of Basel; painter; was living last in Berlin;

WELLMANN, Friedrich Wilhelm: Son of Gottfried and Gertrud, née BUTZ, married to Gerda SCHURMACHER, b. 5.11.1917 in Rudersheim, Rumania; citizen of Zürich; Doctor's degree in Philosophy; SS-Hauptscharführer; last in Berlin.

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Have any of the above been captured and put in prison? If so, is it possible to interrogate them or get information from them concerning matters of interest to the Swiss, particularly concerning the "Oberdeutsches Arbeitsbureau"?

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2nd August, 1943.

SWITZERLAND/GERMANY

Prosecution of Swiss Nazis

1. It is officially announced that the Federal Authorities, acting on Article 105 of the Federal Penal Code and Article 221 of the Military Penal Code, has ordered the pursuit and trial of a group of right-wing Swiss nationals because of the well-known propagandist leaflet of March, 1943, issued "in the field" and addressed to the soldiers of the Swiss Army, signed by "Officers, N.C.O.'s and Soldiers".

2. The following individuals are involved in the affair: *could* DUBIS, Michael - born 1887, Owner of printing firm (Ostermundigen); DUBIS, Theodor - born 1905, Mechanist (Ostermundigen); KAUFER, Max Arthur - born 1914, Stamp dealer (Bern); MEYER, Hans - born 1907, Notary (Uetzingen near Bern); ROSCHE, Werner Walter - born 1919, Book-keeper (Bern); JOHANNIS, Ernst - born 1913, merchant (Bern); and WALDNER, Paul Franz, born 1904, Architect (Muri near Bern).

3. At the same session of the Federal Council it was decided to pursue another action according to Article 105 of the Federal Penal Code for offences against the State. This enquiry is directed against National Socialist Swiss abroad and in Switzerland and concerns treasonable actions, annexation propaganda and political espionage in the year 1944 and beginning of 1945. A number of Swiss, against whom this enquiry is particularly directed, were active in the S.S. Haupt-Amt in Berlin, so called "Plan B.", working together with the "Aussonstelle 'Oberdeutsches Arbeitsbureau'" and a "Germanischen S.S. Schweiz".

4. The following individuals are most involved: *cd* HEHN, Paul Emil - born 1920, former Bank official (Zürich); *cd* WIRTSCH, Werner, born 1886, Parson, arrested; BEHLER, Hans, born 1888, Dr. phil., Publicist (Wanacht); *cd* MEYER, Karl, born 1898, former school teacher (Schaffhausen); *cd* JOHANN, Emil - born 1907, Film director, lately in Berlin. All have been arrested except HEHN, who is somewhere out of Switzerland.

5. The enquiry is being conducted by the Federal Examining Magistrate. Further details can only be published when his work is completed.

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